



## THIS WEEK IN TEXAS HISTORY

July 2011 – Week 2

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### TITLE: COZUMEL, TEXAS?

JULY 1837 AND A VISIT TO COZUMEL... TEXAS?

THIS WEEK IN TEXAS HISTORY, BROUGHT TO YOU BY THIS STATION AND THE SAVE TEXAS HISTORY PROGRAM OF THE GENERAL LAND OFFICE.

JULY 13, 1837. GULF OF MEXICO. SEEKING TO PUNISH MEXICO AND BREAK A BLOCKADE, SECRETARY OF THE TEXAS NAVY SAMUEL R. FISHER HAS SENT SCHOONERS INVINCIBLE AND BRUTUS TO RANSACK THE MEXICAN COAST.

COMING ASHORE AT COZUMEL, COMMANDER H.L. THOMPSON CLAIMS THE ISLAND IN THE NAME OF TEXAS. HE FIRES A 23-GUN SALUTE AND RAISES THE NAVY FLAG AS BEWILDERED NATIVES PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO THE REPUBLIC.

SAILING ON, THE TEXANS PLUNDER MEXICAN VILLAGES AND SEIZE THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS IN LOOT.

PRESIDENT HOUSTON, FURIOUS AT THE ILLEGAL RAID, SUSPENDS FISHER AND THOMPSON.

COZUMEL BECAME TEXAN, 174 YEARS AGO, THIS WEEK IN TEXAS HISTORY.

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